

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the foregoing preliminary amendments. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 25-46 are now pending in this application.

Applicants have submitted a substitute specification and abstract (excluding claims) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 that includes formatting changes intended to comply with United States practice. The only additions to the specification are the section headings. Further, Applicants have amended the title to match the title of the as-filed application. Finally, Applicants have added paragraph numbering. A marked-up version of the substitute specification is attached showing the additions as double underlined text and the deletions in brackets. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

Applicants have canceled original claims 1-24 and have added new claims 25-46. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the new claims, which are fully supported by the specification as filed.

Applicants believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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